

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: RICHARD WASHINGTON ET AL.

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO**  
**OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 4, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time for three month(s) to and including November 4, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated May 4, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, a check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed, which is the fee for a three month(s) extension of time.

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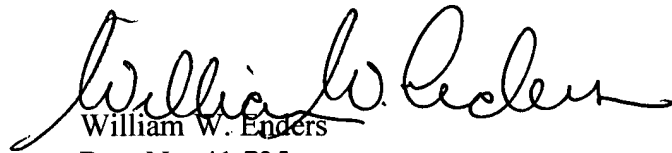
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. Enders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

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